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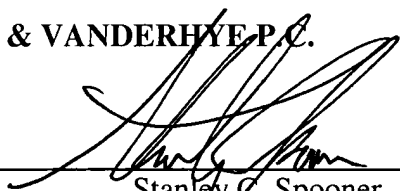
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Application No: GB 0226874.6
Claims searched: 1,27

Examiner: Jim Calvert
Date of search: 11 July 2003

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1,27	US20020174342A1 (IBM) See e.g. para. 0019
X	1,27	US6282657B1 (SAFENET) See col.3, line 33 to col. 4, line 11
A	1,27	WO01/46800A2 (GENERAL INSTRUMENT) See abstract

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Field of Search:

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Claims searched: 1 to 14

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X	1,8	US 2001/0034751 A1	(Eto et al.) see especially figure 9-11 and paragraphs 0087-0093
A	-	US 6006247	(Browning et al.) see column 2, line 37 to column 3, line 7
A	-	JP 07-134656 A	(Canon) see PAJ Abstract
A	-	EP 1162536 A1	(Hitachi) see whole document

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